

**Alaska Board of Fisheries**  
**May 16, 2012**  
Teleconference  
Bristol Bay Meeting Logistics and Venue

Meeting Summary

The Board of Fisheries met by teleconference on May 16, 2012 to discuss the logistics and venue for board's December 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting.

Seven board members were present. Public listen-only teleconference sites were available at the Anchorage and Juneau the Department of Fish and Game offices. The audio of the meeting was also streamed on the Board of Fisheries website.

The board members expressed a number of pros and cons for having the meeting in Naknek which included:

- Distance to drive between the lodging and the meeting venue during the winter
- Adequate number of restaurants to host a large number of meeting participants
- Number of rooms available and cost to house a large number of meeting participants
- Difficulty for outsiders to reserve rooms at the military facility.
- Medical access
- Available rental vehicles
- Flight accommodations
- Expense for outsiders to travel to Naknek
- Expense for Bristol Bay residents to travel to Anchorage if the meeting was relocated.
- Number of permit holders who live outside the Bristol Bay watershed area.
- Number of subsistence users and local sportfishing operators would be able to participate in the process if in Naknek; not likely if in Anchorage.
- Value to board members in the decision making process to be at the local fishing grounds.

The board members were very pleased with the community's efforts to make the necessary accommodations for the Board of Fisheries meeting. After much discussion, the board voted down a motion to move the meeting location to Anchorage.